



SPEAKER'S BIO



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Mr. Alford was appointed Commissioner of Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to the Louisville, Kentucky field office in 2014. He has been involved in numerous labor negotiations, grievance mediations, and trainings since that appointment.

Mr. Alford has mediated disputes in a multitude of industries in the Government, Public, and Private sectors. He strives to improve labor relations through the development and implementation of joint labor management committees and transparent negotiating processes. He has enhanced and delivered various types of innovative training programs to management and unions to improve communications and negotiations. These programs have been utilized in Federal, private, and public sectors.

Prior to joining FMCS, Mr. Alford was a Labor Representative for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. He operated from a satellite office where he represented membership from multiple facilities which included manufacturing, transportation and delivery industries. Mr. Alford handled negotiations, arbitrations, and day-to-day operations for the Teamsters in all locations throughout Central and Western, Ky.